

Exeter Borough Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 5, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council Chairman Thomas Shannon. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Shannon, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Pizano, Ms. DeRoberto, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Esposito and Mayor Castellani
Absent: Mr. Turner

Motion to approve the August 1, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin
Motion to accept the Treasurers Report. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Citizens Input (agenda items only) No public input.

Correspondence –read 3 letter of interest for position on the Police Civil Service Board. Letter from Luzerne County concerning program for blighted properties.

Refuse Report– Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Karen Szwast, absent, no report.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Larry Dellegrotto & Betty Ann DeRoberto. 211 call for the month.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto. The 2017 budget is in balance.

Fire Department – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – Report on file. Calls, year to date 317.

Zoning – Joseph Pizano & Larry Dellegrotto – Nothing at this time.

Street/Recycling – Richard Turner & Betty Ann DeRoberto – Nothing at this time.

Hicks Creek – Joseph Pizano & John Morgan – The creek is being cut and will be ready for the October inspection.

Parks & Recreation – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – The parks will be closing soon for the season.

Remarks from Mayor Herman Castellani – Police Report on file.

Solicitors Report – Attorney Hassey, nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$90,353.33. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the dedication of \$304,260.00 from the Sewer Fund in matching funds from Exeter Borough to support the Multi-Municipality Infrastructure Improvement Project application with DCED. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Motion to submit to Luzerne County Community Development Program 2018 the following areas for mill and pave work. Coolidge St. from Schooley to Thomas. Susquehanna Ave from Penn to Memorial and East Packer Ave. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the resignation of Police Commissioner William Schutter effective September 17, 2017. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Pizano – no, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to accept the MMO for the Police Pension for 2018 the amount due is “0”. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the MMO for the Non Unformed Pension Plan for 2018 the amount due is \$12,631.00. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$48,022.63. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Esposito, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – yes, with the exception of the Clark Hill invoice, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, and especially the Clark Hill invoice, Mr. Pizano – yes, with the exception of the Clark Hill invoice, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to hire Art Redmand of Harding as a part time as needed Fire Truck Driver. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Richard Switzer of Valley St., Exeter as a part time as needed School Crossing Guard. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Joseph DeMark of Wyoming Ave as a part time as needed Police Patrolman. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to participate in the Electronics Recycling Event sponsored by the West Side COG on November 2, 2017 at the Luzerne County Soccer Fields – Forty Fort. Each town will be

expected to commit at least one laborer and one police officer to this event. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to place out for bid curb side recycling pick-up from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Option 1 with the use of Carts and Option 2 without the use of Carts. Also the Option to split the town into 2 zones for alternating weeks recycling verses same day once a week recycling. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Esposito, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Pizano – no, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Mayor Castellani read a letter concerning his character and racism.

Open to the Public

Marie Tafani of 15 Sturmer St. stated Herman Castellani is an outstanding Mayor and she is proud of him.

Guerline Laurore of the NAACP spoke about the organization. She would like to arrange a meeting with the Mayor to see how to move forward. The Mayor will provide his phone number to set up the meeting.

Len Galli of 114 Jean St. had a question on what the Mayor read. The Mayor addressed the issue.

Rene Pepperling of 91 Mason St. had questions pertaining to erecting a shed on her property. The Zoning Committee will meet with her to research a possible solution.

Dave Balent of 304 Grant St. wants Council to address the need for street work in Exeter.

Donna Morgan of Sullivan St. had questions pertaining to sewers on Sullivan St. Council will research the matter.

Lindo Sabatine of Wyoming Ave wants to make sure that Exeter Borough has Police coverage. Council stated that the town does have police protection at all times.

Mary Pat Coleman of 1304 Wyoming Ave spoke about Exeter Proud and asked for volunteers to fill positions that are available.

Adjournment 1st Mr. Esposito

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin